

No. 5.

JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend Section 3 of Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 3, of Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

"SECTION 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes, and a poll tax of one dollar on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools, and, in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed twenty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, as, with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year; and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts within all or any of the counties of this State, by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and may authorize an additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within such school districts for the further maintenance of public free schools and the erection of school buildings therein; provided, that two-thirds of the qualified property tax paying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year twenty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

SEC. 2. That the Governor of this State shall issue his proclamation ordering an election to be held on the second Tuesday in August A. D. 1883, at which time the foregoing amendment shall be submitted for adoption by the qualified electors of this State.

SEC. 3. That those voting for the adoption of the amendment to Section 3, shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution, school tax," and those voting against the adoption of said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the amendment to Section 3, Article 7 of the Constitution, school tax."

Approved April 7, 1883.

No. 6.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to Article 5 of the State Constitution diminishing the number of terms of county courts.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Article 5 of the Constitution of the State shall be amended by adding thereto another section which shall read as follows: